INTRODUCTION

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SOUTH AMERICA FIEP HISTORY

It's a great honor & pleasure to be able to write the introduction of the 'South America FIEP History Magazine'. As any history has a beginning, this one begins on the 'II Stockholm Universal Sport Exhibition (Linguiade), Sweden', in 1949, where professionals of several South American countries took part on, and were introduced to this organization.

Later on, in order to stablish this movement, the World President of FIEP, Major Joseph G. Thulin (1935 - 1958) traveled to South America, from the month of June until August, 1951.

He organized information conferences & gave speeches concerning the objectives of F.I.G.L. (the old name of FIEP) in 7 South American countries: 1) Argentina, 2) Brazil, 3) Chile, 4) Colombia, 5) Peru, 6) Uruguay y 7) Venezuela, and also nominated Delegates in each of these countries.

The FIEP Vice-Presidents for South America were:

1969 - 1980 - Jair Jordão Ramos- São Paulo / Brasil

1980 - 1991 - Jacintho Francisco Targa - Porto Alegre/ Brasil

1992 - 1999 - Dr. Manoel José Gomes Tubino - Río de Janeiro / Brasil

2000 - continua Dr. Jorge Diaz Otañez - Córdoba - Argentina

Conesul Latin America Commitee:

In the General Meeting of FIEP, in Brussels, the Conesul Latin America Commitee was approved, and was constituted of: President Prof. Jacinto Targa; Secretary: Prof. Jorge Díaz Otañez; School Commissionr: Prof. Francisco Camargo Neto; Secretary: Prof. Ricardo Petersen; Scientific Commission: Prof. Benno Becker; Secretary: Prof. Jesús Soares; Sport for all Commission: Prof. Juan Carlos Cutrera; Secretary Floriano Monteiro & Law Support: Prof. Lourival Bechauser.

Argentina: in 1949, several Argentineans went to the II Stockholm Universal Sport Exhibition (Linguiade) in Sweden, such as Prof. Enrique Carlos Romero Brest (1902-1985), who was the profesional who gave international projection to Argentina during Major Thulin's presidency. FIEP Delegates - ex and current: Enrique Romero Brest, Antonio Alcázar, Mario López, Ramón Muros, and nowadays Prof. Jorge Díaz Otañez

In **Bolivia**, it was Prof. Emilio Sotomayor Ledesma since 1974. Followed by Prof. Guido Terrufino, and then by José Núñez Ruiz, Laura Chiri Avalos, Arnulfo Lino Guzmán, but the one who acted strongly for the development of the work in the country was Prof. Edgar Zevallos Burgoa, who atended, with delegations of students & teachers of this country, to events taken place in Brazil, Paraguay, & Argentina for several times. The management of FIEP in Bolivia carries on with great success in the hands of Prof. Adalid Bismarck Andia, who organizes continuous actions in the benefit of Physical Education of this country.

Brasil is undoubtedly the biggest country in terms of relevance & prestigius regarding FIEP aspects & activities, with a high level of diffusion; we can state, with no hesitation, that FIEP has been re-impulsed in the last couple of years thanks to the International FIEP Congresses that take place in Foz do Iguazu/PR, organized by Prof. Almir Adolfo Gruhn. So important these facts are, that Prof. José Manuel Gomes Tubino was elected to be the World President of FIEP in 2000, and then was re-elected in 2004 / 2008, by Brazilian teachers.

When Major Thulin visited Brazil, he nominated the FIEP delegates that would get this process started: Prof. Alfredo Colombo, Sylvio José Raso, Antonio Boaventura da Silva, Jacintho Francisco Targa, General Olavo Amaro da Silveira, Jayr Jordão Ramos, and Prof. Herbet de Almeida Dutra.

Ex FIEP Delegates: Aloyr Queiros de Araujo, Guilherme Pinto Nery, Manoel José Gomes Tubino, Inezil Penna Marinho, José Eduardo Gomes Barreira, Valdecir Barbosa, Claudio de Macedo Reis and nowadays Prof. Almir Adolfo Gruhn, with several actions for FIEP development.

Colombia: We know that the first nacional delegate was Prof. Alberto Gómez Moreno, working extensivelly in the school & university environment of this country, and who unfortunately died in a car crash. Prof. Héctor Peralta Berbesi was his successor, and was working & leading FIEP activities in this country for years. Other FIEP delegates were Bárbara Ann Giles, Víctor Jairo Chinchilla, Jesús Raúl Bautista Sánchez, and Ana Lusia Chaparro Galán. Nowadays, Prof. Luis Felipe Contecha is the Nacional FIEP Delegate; he is also the President of the International History FIEP Section, and organizes the FIEP History Seminar.

Chile has a very rich history in Physical Education, being known as its main motivator Prof. Luis Bisquer Zusarte. Later on, he was followed by Milton Cufre Llufe, who was in the front of FIEP for several years, and giving it a strong impulse with writings & the diffusion of the first manifest, in 1971. The previous delegates which followed him were: Raúl Santana, Bernardo Oliva Azua; Adela Díaz, and its actual National Delegate Prof. Carlos Salazar Contreras. Profesor Horacio Lara is nowadays the President of the Physical Activity for Older Adults Section.

Ecuador: since 1976, maybe a bit earlier (no precise history facts), the activities begin in Quito with Prof. Jorge Cerdá Vivas; in 1984: Prof. Sergio Paredes, Jorge Zurita, Franklin Gómez Jurado & Moreano Saraski & Ashebir Lakew. But, who's been in since 1974 is Profesor Alfredo Rivera, who's a big motivator of Physical Education in this country, helping out the province state, & public authorities in every FIEP action.

Paraguay: in 1968, Dr. Cesar Adorno was nominated the Paraguay Delegate, but who really started & is maked in the history of Physical Education of this country was Prof. Ignacio Elizeche (not yet confirmed), followed by Nicolás Figueiredo R., then by Prof. Patricio Zelada Silva as National Delegate, and carries on with Jorge Acosta through his actions in charge of FIEP in this country; in Paraguay, the World FIEP Congress is organized.

Nowadays, the National Delegate is Prof. Amilcar Colman. Every year, he organizes a National Congress, and activelly works with the presence of students & professors in the traditional Congresses in Foz do Iguassu, Brazil, in January, and in Cordoba, Argentina, in July or September. In 2011, FIEP Paraguay will celebrate its 20th International Physical Education FIEP Congress.

Peru: in this country, there are several professionals dedicated to Physical Education, being one of the mot relevant ones in the history of FIEP Peru Prof. Alberto Caja Ubidia who performed a remarkable role by writing several books about Physical Education, and has been a great international character present in several FIEP events around the world. He was followed by Prof. Jáuregui Bonano, José Rivas Mongrut, the by Prof. Elena Kofcat, Camilo Merma, and nowadays Prof. Guido Flores Marcha; helping out with the actions of FIEP, also Prof. Carlos Garrido Calatayud.

Uruguay: Has also got a rich history in Physical Education, being one of the first professionals in charge of FIEP Prof. Alberto Langlade. Later on, he was followed by Jorge Trigo Néstor Ibarra Badín, Nelson Rocha, Marta Busch, and Susana Chalar. But who realy impulsed the actions of FIEP in this country was, undoubtedly, Prof. Raúl Lorda Paz, by organizing several actions continually. He's now living in Porto Alegre, Brazil, helping out with the organization of FIEP activities of this area. Nowadays, the National Delegate is Prof. Mirta Brazeiro.

Venezuela: The history of FIEP we know now is due the starting of it in this country by Chilean colleagues, including Nelly Gómez, who had an active participation. Following on, Prof. Humberto Baldayo Sierra takes over and develops a great work at advertising the actions of FIEP in this country; he is now an honor member of FIEP, and who's followed him and is nowadays the National Delegate is Prof. Eddy Cabrera, who has nominated delegates in some Venezuela states, developing FIEP actions in this country.

CONCLUSION:

It's a lot somebody can do for the development of FIEP in South America, once the digital communications & internet use have shorten the distances, and allowed us to flow the opinions interchange better.

Historically, Brazil is undoubtedly the country in South America which leads the FIEP movement in the world, followed by Argentina and Paraguay. What's left is that some other countries get more active in order to perform actions in benefit of the Physical Education in every place.

Brasil & Argentina are the undoubtedly the pioneers, for the extensive work done in the last few decades.



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